(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government will review its decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Distance between New Delhi-Nagpur is too long to run Shatabdi Express which is a day time Intercity Express.

(d) Does not arise.

Import to toxic wastes

3186. SHRIMATI VEENA VARMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Times of India, dated July 21st, 1996, to the effect that while Government have licensed only seven companies to import toxic wastes, as many as 151 Indian companies have been found to be freely importing such toxic wastes;

(b) how much of toxic wastes of Lead, Zinc, Aluminium, Plastics, etc. have been imported during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(c) what regulations govern such imports and what steps are taken to curb such imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPTTAIN JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information on the actual imports based on the consignments cleared by the Custom's Department, is compiled by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence (DGCIS), Calcutta, The details are given in statement (*see* below).

(c) The import of hazardous waste is regulated under Rule 11 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. According to these Rules, the import of hazardous wastes from any country to India is not permitted for dumping and disposal, however, import of such wastes is allowed for processing or reuse as raqw materials. This Ministry has given permission to seven importers of hazardous wastes under these rules. In compliance with the orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court, no imports of hazardous wastes are being permitted.

The licence for imports are issued by the Directorate General of Foregin Trade (DGFT). All shipments are cleared based on this licence. Till 29th April, 1995, imports of all wastes were under the Open General Licence (OGL). In April 1995, the Export Import Policy was amended and hazardous wastes were placed on the restricted list. As per the policy, imports are permitted only against a licence and only for the purpose of processing or reuse. Such wastes whould now be requiring a licence for imports.

Statement

Import of Copper, Lead, Zinc and Plastic wastes for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 (upto January 1996) as supplied by Directorate General Commercial intelligence

1.	Lead Slag	1994-95	2497804
		1995-96	1889312
2.	Lead Residue	1994-95	7575025
		1995-96	7235665

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3.	Hard Zinc Spelter	1994-95	
		1995-96	
		2034831	
		1156243	
4.	Other Ash & Residue containing mainly zinc	1994-95	
		1995-96	
		64776790	
		47868317	
5.	Ash & Residue containing mainly Copper	1994-95	44065261
		1995-96	
6.	Ash & Residue containing mainly Aluminium	1994-95	5659495
7.	Lead Waste & Scrap	1994-95	48873529
		1995-96	33429022
8.	Zinc Waste & Scrap	1994-95	4048063
		1995-96	6144739
9.	Copper Waste & Scrap	1994-95	16626477
		1995-96	23737678
10.	Waste & Scrap of Copper Alloys	1994-95	85070792
		1995-96	68209702
11.	Aluminium waste & Scrap	1994-95	20482453
12.	Waste, Parings & Scrap of plastics	1994-95	24236994
		1995-96	10875962